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HINTS FOR THE SICK ROOM.—Never take the temperature in the arm-pit until you are sure the skin is dry.

Never neglect to chart the temperature as soon as you have taken it.

Never allow the patient to take the temperature himself. Many patients are more knowing than nurses where there is a question of temperature.

Never use anything but a graduated measure for measuring doses of medicine, unless ordered to administer the dose in drops.

Never put a hot water bottle next to the skin. Its efficiency and the patient's safety are both enhanced by surrounding the bottle with flannel.

Never complain that you cannot get a feeding cup if there is a teapot to be had instead.

Never administer a quantity of food to a patient until you have found out if he can swallow.

Never disregard a patient's intelligent craving for particular articles of diet.

Never use your patient as a thermometer for estimating the temperature of the bath.

Never allow a patient to be waked out of his first sleep either intentionally or incidentally.

Never imagine that a patient who sleeps during the day will not sleep during the night. The more he sleeps the better will he be able to sleep.

Never hurry or bustle.

Never stand and fidget when a sick person is talking to you. Sit down.

Never sit where your patient cannot see you.

Never require a patient to repeat a message or request. Attend at once.

Never judge the condition of your patient from his appearance during a conversation. See how he looks an hour afterward.

Never read a story to children if you can tell it.

Never read fast to a sick person. The way to make a story seem short is to tell it slowly.

Never play the piano to a sick person if you can play on strings or sing.

Never confine a patient to one room if you can obtain the use of two.

Never allow monotony in anything. Never allow too much variety.—Troy Daily Press.

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know whether the experience was more remarkable than it was pathetic.

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To illustrate how the invention magnified and transmitted sound a megaphone attached to a phonograph and connected with the battery and transmitter was put out of a window a block away from Herald square. As the notes of the Toreador's song from "Carmen" floated out on the air, people a block away on Broadway stopped and turned to try and catch the point whence the music emanated, and men in the elevated railroad trains rushed to the platforms, bewildered at the volume of sound and the inability to trace it to its source.

Politics and Schools.

Supplementing the comment on the proposed legislation providing for a unification of the public school system of the State made in the last issue of the "Catholic World," the editor of that magazine, the Rev. Father A. P. Doyle, made some statements last week which were not covered in his editorial.

"The office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in this State," he said, "is nothing more or less than a political brokerage shop, where patronage is dealt in the same as stocks are in Wall Street. I, for one, have absolutely no use for Superintendent Skinner. The first thing he did on taking office was to attack the nuns teaching school in West Troy, because they wore their garb, and recently he assailed those in Lima. He contends that the garb makes the schools denominational. It would be just as well to claim that if teachers wore bicycle costumes the schools would be riding academies.

"But it is not so much Skinner as it is Deputy Ainsworth, who thinks he is a shrewd politician. He is mistaken, for he is of the cheap type, and he plainly showed what he was in his recent attack upon Bishop Doane, of the Episcopal Church, during a hearing in Albany on the bill before the Legislature.

"The only thing to do is to lift the schools out of politics, and the only way that can be done is to place them in control of such a splendid body of men as the Regents, who perform their duties in a high minded way, and to the satisfaction of every one.

"Senator Platt is responsible for Skinner, for he had him reappointed in the face of the strongest opposition. It is small business for a Superintendent of Public Instruction to legislate against what a woman shall wear. Just to show you the politics in it, I need only say that West Troy is a strong Democratic balliwick, while the teachers in the schools in Odensburg wear their garb and nothing has ever been said against it by Skinner, because that is a Republican stronghold, and he did not dare to raise the question."

Some of the pointed things in Father Doyle's editorial were these: "If we may measure the sentiment in the State, there is no second choice as to which the people will stand by. Mr. Skinner and his department has been an offense to a great body of the citizens. It is merely a political office, controlling the schools for political effect, while the Regents have constituted a body of learned and dignified educationists who have administered the prerogatives of their office with a broad wisdom and according to the lines of a liberal and far seeing policy."

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THE ANNUNCIATION.

Yesterday last the Church celebrated the feast of the Annunciation, one of the several events in the life of the Blessed Virgin held in special commemoration of the Catholic Church. It is the anniversary of the occasion on which the Angel Gabriel paid the visit to the humble maid of Galilee, to inform her that the Most Holy Child Jesus was to be born of her. Hence the surprise, the joy, the awe, the glory, the light, and the deep humility; as the astonishment, or rather the bewilderment of that Jewish Nazareth when the "Angel Lord" appeared unto her, dressed her in language which had been embalmed for all time in the Gospels and that has become the daily expression of the Church throughout the ages, which all other sections of humanity discard. It was on this day that the "Hail Mary" for a first time, and that of the Blessed Virgin, which repeated thrice daily, at the hour of the Angelus, were given as the first act of the work of the Redemption, shall ever remain memorable as the most authentic evidence of the purity and virginity of the Mother of God.

Hence it is that the Church celebrates that day with all the pomp and circumstance that does not with the penitential aspect of Lenten season. It would need the pen of a gifted writer to relate the magnitude of the favor conferred upon Mary, the honor done her by Divinity, the glory that became hers from that day onward. And the strange fact of the contradiction of anti-Christian principle of animism, is the rejection, or denial of the glory accorded to Mary by God, Himself, and the extraordinary manner in which the Gospel. How they call the "Hail Mary" that is taken from the lips of an Angel, and that the... has reserved for us in the

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